

ISAK FEDERMAN

Dear Children of the Future:

My name is Isak Federman. I came to the Kansas City area in the year 1946 because I wanted to get the hell out of Europe. I was tired of being a displaced person and I heard on the radio a message from President Harry Truman in which he said he would ask the U.S. Congress to allow thousands of displaced persons to come to the United States. Through the efforts of the Joint Distribution Committee we were able to come here in June, 1946. The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society sent us to Kansas City.

My proudest accomplishment since coming to the United States is that I was able to build a new foundation for a new family. With the help of the Kansas City Jewish community, I was able to make a new start. I've always tried to contribute to this community and I'm particularly proud of my role in establishing the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education.

The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education is important to Kansas City because it teaches present and future generations the story of the Holocaust during World War II. From studying the Holocaust, you should learn about the atrocities that are possible in the world when hate exists among nations, races and religions.

My message for you, our future generation, is please be tolerant to all people regardless of race, nationality or religion. Unless you learn from the past, those atrocities can occur again, anywhere, including the United States.

Very truly,

Isak Federman
Wolbrom, Poland
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